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SUBJECT: SE NATSIOS CONVERSATION WITH UK ENVOY PRENTICE

Classified By: CDA Cameron Hume, Reason: Sections 1.4. (b) and (d)

¶1. (C) In a brief meeting with SE Natsios on December 10, UK Ambassador-at-large for Sudan Peace Processes Christopher Prentice expressed his government's reticence at using coercive measures to induce the Sudanese government to accept an international peace-keeping force. Prentice said there had been "a slight intake of breath" in London at the prospect of advancing "Plan B" by January 1, 2007.

¶2. (C) Prentice advised that the USG would find more support for a step-by-step process along the lines of the UN Sec retary General's phased approach and requested that SE Natsios discuss the way forward in more detail with UK Sec retary of State for International Development Hillary Benn during a visit to London. He also noted that London believed that efforts to engage the Darfur Peace Agreement (DPA) non-signatories had been neglected and should receive renewed attention.

¶3. (SBU) SE Natsios' staff cleared this message.
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